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AGENDA

May 19, 2016
8:30 AM
Athens City Hall
210 Dottie Bednarko Dr.
Athens, IL 62613

Meeting Called to Order by David Butt, Chairman
Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (03/17/2016)
Welcome to LEPC Members and Visitors
Sign-in Sheet Circulated
Self-introductions
Congratulations to Pat Metz on CWLP Retirement

New Business

Meeting Schedule for Next Year (9/15/16, 11/17/16, 1/19/17, 3/16/17, 5/18/17)
Annual Review of Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Menard County

Old Business

Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant
Current Grant Period
Future Grant Periods
Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow Study (CFS)
Current Quarter
Next Quarter
Winnebago Co. LEPC Conference / April 12-13, Rockford
Growmark Menard Terminal
Status of Terminal Expansion Project
Tabletop Exercise with Growmark Staff
Filing of 2015 Tier 2 Reports

Other Business

Public Comment
Around the Room
September Meeting at OEM Building
Motion to Adjourn

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MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON VALLEY LEPC MEETING – May 19, 2016

Call to Order - The Chair, David Butt, called the meeting to order at 8:35 am, at the Athens City Hall, 210 Dottie Bednarko Drive, Athens IL 62613.

There was a quorum with 18 members present: Matt Bryan, Chatham EMA; Mike Burg, Menard County EMS; David Butt, Sangamon County OEM; Joe Crowe, Athens - Fancy Prairie Fire Dept.; Roger Cruse, Ameren Illinois; Jamie Davis, American Red Cross (ARC); Brian Hollenkamp, Menard County GIS; Jim Johnson, Springfield Fire Department (SFD); George Krebs, Illinois EPA; Jason LeMar, Menard County GIS; Eli Logan, Memorial Medical Center (MMC); Ralph Long, Illinois Air National Guard (IANG); Mike Lopez, Sangamon County 911; Mike Moos, Sherman EMA; Chris Richmond, SFD; Katrina Schroeder, United Way of Central Illinois; Eric Staley, CWLP; and Diana Wade, Sangamon/Menard County Department of Public Health.

Approvals of the Minutes - Minutes from the previous LEPC meeting were distributed via email prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mike Moos, seconded by Mike Lopez and approved unanimously to accept the minutes from March 17, 2016.

Introductions - Self-introductions were made. Four visitors were present: Lori Canterbury, IL Emergency Management Agency (IEMA); Heather Harrison, IANG; Greg Michaud, American Environmental Corporation; and Mark Newton, Union Pacific Railroad. All were welcomed. Eric Staley was recognized as a new member of the LEPC to replace Pat Metz. The Chair shared a couple of fine stories about Pat, whose involvement with the committee will be missed.

New Business

Meeting Schedule for Next Year – The Chair offered dates of 09/15/16, 11/17/16, 01/19/17, 03/16/17 and 05/18/17 for next year's meetings. These dates continue to have us meet on the third Thursday of an odd month. A motion was made by Mike Lopez, seconded by George Krebs and approved unanimously to accept the third Thursday of September, November, January, March and May for next year's meetings. The September meeting will be at the OEM Building. We also intend to again return to Athens for next year's May meeting. The middle 3 meetings will be at the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Annual Review of Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Menard County – The entire plan for Menard County with highlighted updates recommended by the Chair and Mike Burg was distributed by email ahead of the meeting. The Chair discussed changes appearing on 6 of the 20 pages in the plan. A motion was made by Mike Burg, seconded by Jason LeMar and approved unanimously to accept this updated plan. A new Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Menard County, dated May 19, 2016, will be distributed to all members with these minutes and further distributed to all fire departments in Menard County, IEMA Region 6 and the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC).

Old Business

Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant (HMEP) – Our current grant has nearly been depleted, mainly from the fall and winter truck counts directed by Greg Michaud. We were fortunate to have a spring truck count conducted, thanks to Linda Wheeland and the Regional Planning Commission who had a transportation grant expiring June 30, that could also address our issues of concern about movements of hazardous materials over local highways. We have no means to fund a summer truck count. Beginning next October, we hope to be able to initiate a multi-county CFS that partners Menard, Sangamon, Christian and Macon counties. Our next grant cycle, across 3 years, will be greatly different than the past annual cycles we have worked through. On March 24, prospective applicants for a CFS were given only 27 days to form a collaboration, construct a budget and file their request. Our LEPC delivered an application, which we amended once, as instructed. Also included was a request to fund updating of HazMat transportation emergency plans. Hopeful that the CFS in the new 3-year grant cycle will be funded, the Chair explained to the committee how unfortunate it would be for our CFS tracking if we failed to acquire data in the summer quarter. We have no local funds for a summer truck count and we know of no other potential grants that could fund it. Last year, the HMEP grant saw several counties return unused HMEP funds to IEMA for reallocation. The Chair will contact IEMA, on behalf of the committee, to seek sufficient funds for a summer truck count, if a reallocation can be conducted again in 2016. The Chair asked Greg Michaud for his explanation of why it is so important that we do not lose a quarter's seasonal data.

Hazardous Material Commodity Flow Study (CFS) – Greg gave his report on the types and quantities of hazardous materials that his counters observed by reading placards on trucks moving past 10 designated counting points this spring. He reminded the committee that one year ago he gave his first report, as truck counting began in April 2015. Over the first year, we saw seasonal variations in our quarterly truck counts. Some were expected, such as an increase in gases during the fall, due to heavy use of Anhydrous Ammonia by agriculture. Some were not expected, but explainable (we thought), such as the increase in corrosives and poisons in the winter when the Illinois River was flooded and temporarily closed to barge traffic. However, the volume of corrosives has stayed high and shows great disparity year-to-year when compared to the spring of 2015. Without a summer truck count, the hole in our data will make it more difficult to accept or dispel inferences about trends through the comparison of year-to-year data, while also observing seasonal variations by comparing quarterly data.

Greg explained that a feature of his contract with Regional Planning is to include a consequence analysis for scenarios involving releases of the chemicals observed in transit. However, we are still struggling with agreement about what constitutes a “critical facility”, as this term has so many definitions. Jim Johnson provided the next presentation of work that he has been doing for SFD in mapping infrastructure into GIS layers for fire response considerations. Jim’s work was invigorated by a 2-day Texas A&M Extension Service (TEEX) training that focused upon water/waste water infrastructure concerns. Jim has shared his mapping with Greg for use in the consequence analysis, but its usefulness is limited because it is being constructed to meet the needs of SFD and falls short of the broader concerns of our LEPC.

Winnebago County LEPC Conference – Over the same 2 days that Jim was in TEEX training, we had 4 LEPC members at the Winnebago County LEPC Conference on April 12 & 13. This number helped us conduct the tabletop exercise (TTX) based on our local plan, with the 4 of us working together on a scenario of a crude oil derailment that certainly could occur in our planning district. Diane Wade attended using a Public Health grant. Ralph Long’s attendance was funded by IANG. The Chair and Chris Richmond were reimbursed for conference expenses with funds covered by the HMEP grant. The Chair noted that George Krebs’ boss traveled from Springfield to participate in the TTX as one of the many resources available to participants from the industry and agencies that would be present at a forward command post.

Growmark Menard Terminal – Just prior to the LEPC Conference, Growmark notified Mike Burg that they would be conducting a boom-deployment drill in the drainage area away from their fuel depot and follow it with a discussion-based TTX for a mishap with the pipeline head, adjacent to the truck loading rack at the depot. Five LEPC members were able to participate in the TTX, with the key involvement coming from Chris Richmond who could provide solid information about how the SFD Hazardous Materials Response Team would address such a release. One of the scenarios left the paramedics unable to access a truck driver who was down in the hot zone, requiring suited-up members of the team to rescue him for decon and medical transport. After the TTX, the Chair and Chris traveled to the fuel depot for a tour of the completed expansion project that has put 2 additional 3-million-gallon tanks into service, holding gasoline and diesel fuel, respectively. There is a small pond available for water drafting that could be improved with the addition of an accessible dry hydrant.

Filing of Tier 2 Reports – The Chair told the committee that our last outstanding Tier 2 Report was received in late March by pursuing the facility’s operations, rather than its management. We received 136 for Sangamon County and 13 for Menard County. Lori Canterbury said that statewide there were several hundred facilities needing extra prompting, but IEMA has 100% compliance from active sites.

Other Business

Public Comments – Mark Newton thanked us for the depth of transportation discussion in the topics covered by this LEPC. Union Pacific has several training opportunities for us to consider. There is summer fire college in Champaign on June 3-4, flammable gas training at Sherman on June 9, and TransCAER® training focusing on Chlorine somewhere in the Springfield area on August 24-27.

Around the Room – Diane reported on a Strategic National Stockpile exercise completed between Sangamon and Menard counties. Katrina shared upgrades to the 211 system serving Sangamon and Menard counties. Eli completed 2016 updates to the site specific plan for MMC that Matt Helms originally created. Chris and Jaime reported that the smoke detector project pursued by SFD and ARC installed 205 units during April to bring their total to over 1,000. George reminded us that highway spills of non-hazardous liquids can also impact the environment, using milk as an example for killing flora by robbing oxygen. Chris told how the LEPC’s reporting of a pair of dry parcel spills by overturned vehicles on the South Sixth Street ramp from I-72 has led to an announcement that IDOT has requested a \$400,000 project for this ramp before the end of FY2016. No hazardous materials were involved in either accident, but one driver required hospitalization due to his injuries.

Meeting Closure – The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am, September 15, 2016, at the OEM Building in Springfield. With no further business to be considered, a motion was made by Mike Moos, seconded by Chris Richmond and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 am.